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# ORBITER FECES COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS OUTLINE

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# ORBITER FECES COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS

Ref. Doc., Pg.

## 1. GENERAL PURPOSE

### 1.1 Scope

This System Requirements Definition Document establishes basic requirements for a Space Shuttle Orbiter Waste Collection System and is intended to be an aid in the development and procurement of a representative flight test article.

### 1.2 General Requirements

1.2.1 The WCS shall collect, process and store Feces, Vomitus and Paper

1.2.2 The WCS shall eliminate Problems Experienced on Existing Orbiter System

1.2.3 The WCS shall be retrofittable into Orbiter Structure and Interfaces

## 2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

	<u>Abbreviation</u>	<u>Keyword</u>	<u>Title</u>
2.1	M	MDAC	MDAC proposal for Space Shuttle Orbiter Waste Collection System (WCS) Study, Volume 1, Technical Proposal, MDAC Report MDC H1157, May 1984.
2.2	R	Rockwell	Rockwell Waste Collection Subsystem Procurement Spec. No. MC282-0069, Rockwell International, 1-24-83.
2.3	F	Flight Operations	Shuttle Flight Operations Manual, SFOM Volume 12, NASA/JSC, 5-13-83.
2.4	U	Urine Collector	Orbital Workshop Centrifugal (Urine) Separator System CDR Data Package, MDAC Report, 3-31-71.

Specific requirements found in this document are referenced as to their source, when applicable, according to the following system:

Reference Document, Page

Example: R8

Indicates source document R, Page 8.

### 3. ORBITER INTERFACE REQUIREMENTS

#### 3.1 General Requirement

The collector assembly shall contain the fecal waste collector, urine collector assembly, all control valving, instrumentation, interconnecting plumbing and mounting framework. R8

#### 3.2 Structural

##### 3.2.1 Envelope Dimensions:

Be retrofittable within current system compartment into the Orbiter fleet in the field (Figure 1). M5

3.2.2 Utilize existing supports and mounts when possible.

3.2.3 Utilize physical interfaces with existing urine collection system

3.2.4 Utilize physical interfaces with existing airflow source

3.2.5 Requirement for Support of Existing Pump/Fan and Filter (TBD)

#### 3.3 Electrical

3.3.1 Switching for Existing Pump/Fan (TBD)

3.3.2 Switching for Bag Heat Sealing as Required (Skylab type) (TBD)

#### 3.4 Gas/Liquid

3.4.1 Ports: The WCS port interface sizes are defined in the schematic of Figure 2. R7

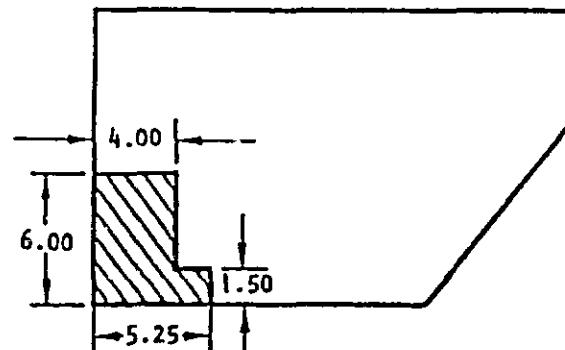
3.4.2 Fluids: Procurement and use of fluids shall be controlled to the extent specified in SE-S-0073. R7

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TOLERANCES EXCEPT AS NOTED:  
ANGLES  $\pm 30^\circ$   
DECIMALS: .XX =  $\pm 0.03$   
.XXX =  $\pm 0.010$

NOTE:

THE ENVELOPE DOES NOT  
INCLUDE FOOT RESTRAINTS  
WHICH MAY EXTEND INTO  
THE ACCESS AISLE WHEN  
THE WCS IS IN USE.



VIEW A-A LOOKING AFT

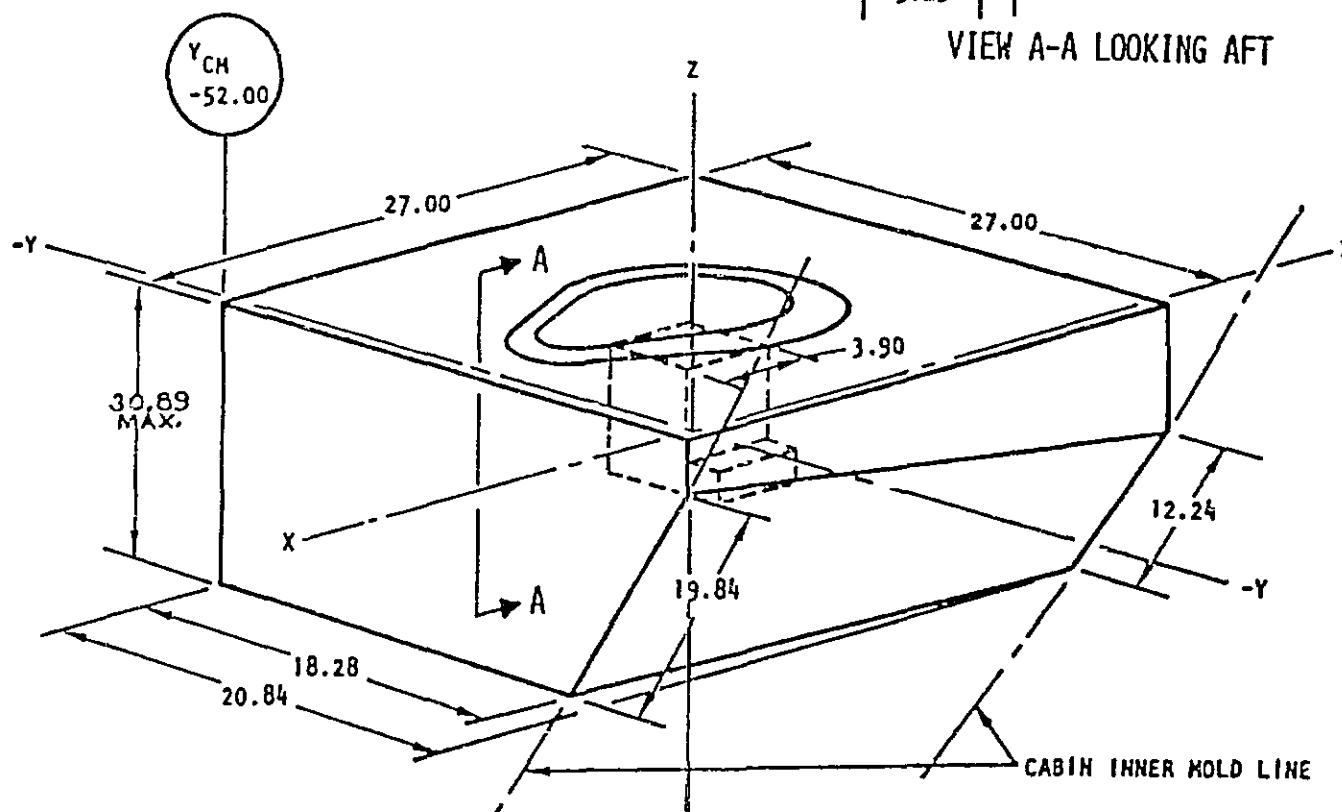


Figure 1. Waste Collector Subsystem Envelope

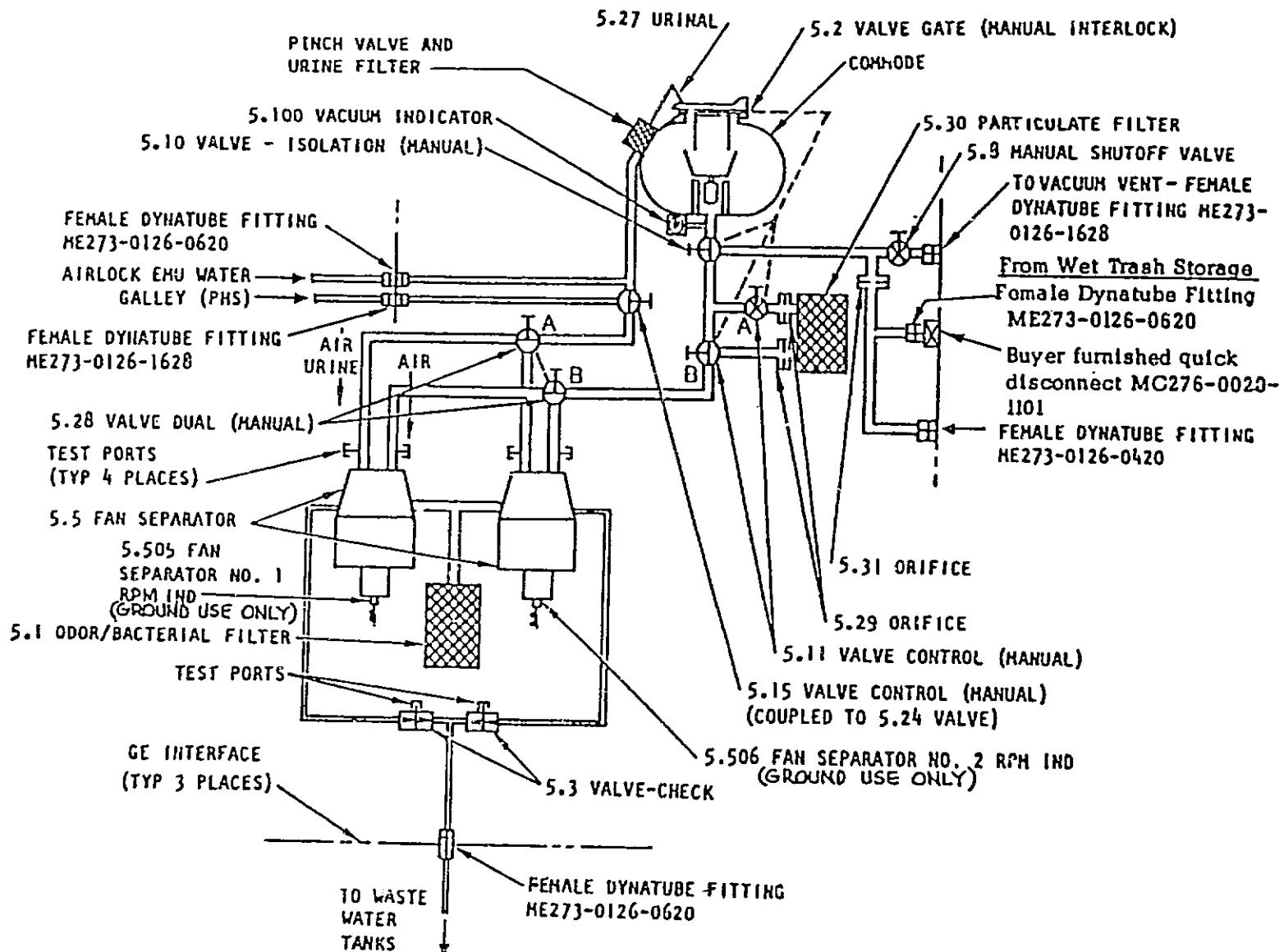


Figure 2. Waste Collector Subsystem Schematic (SAMPLE)

	<u>Ref. Doc., Pg.</u>
3.4.3 There will be no water flush in the fecal waste or urine collection systems.	R5
3.4.4 Airflow Available from Existing Pump/Fan:	
- Commode: 30 ft <sup>3</sup> /min (0.85 m <sup>3</sup> /min)	F3.19-48
- Urinal: 8 ft <sup>3</sup> /min (0.23 m <sup>3</sup> /min)	
3.4.5 Vacuum Available for Processing:	
All portions of the assembly exposed to space vacuum shall withstand at least 16.0 psia cabin pressure without damage.	R8
3.5 Odor/Microbiological Contamination	
3.5.1 Include a filter for bacteria and odor control having the following characteristics:	
- The capability of filtering contaminated air from the WCS at a flow rate of 38 scfm.	P9
- The capability of operating in a maximum pressure of 16 psia.	R9
- The capability of operating at an air flow rate of 38 scfm.	R9
- A pressure drop across the filter not exceeding 2.35 inches of water at a 38 scfm air flow rate.	R9
- The capability of removing 99.999 percent of all particles 0.45 microns or larger.	R9
- The capability of supporting a minimum differential pressure of 1.0 psi.	R9
- A total weight of 7.5 pounds or less.	R9
- An operating range of 14.7 + 0.2 psia (1034 + 14 g/cm <sup>2</sup> ).	
- A maximum ΔP of 1 in. H <sub>2</sub> O (25.4 mm H <sub>2</sub> O).	
- A filter medium consisting of activated charcoal.	
- An operating temperature range of 65° to 90°F	F3.19-46
3.5.2 The assembly shall remove bacteria, vomitus, trash, urine and fecal odors, skin, hair and other body particles from the entrainment air before returning it to the cabin.	R8

3.5.3 Porous filter media shall be rated for removal of 99.999 percent of all particles above 0.45 µm and have hydrophobic characteristics.

3.6 Bag Stowage Space Availability - Fresh and Used  
Subject to structural envelope and selected configuration.

3.7 Processor Space Envelope  
Subject to structural envelope and selected configuration.

#### 4. PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

##### 4.1 Collection

The WCS shall meet criteria as outlined in Sections 4.1.1 through 4.1.13.

- |  |    |
|--|----|
| 4.1.1 Provide for collecting, storing and deactivating fecal wastes and associated toilet paper for a minimum of 56 man-days of use. | R5 |
| 4.1.2 Provide for collecting wash water from the galley.   | R5 |
| 4.1.3 Provide for collecting Extravehicular Mobility Unit (EMU) water from the airlock.  | R5 |
| 4.1.4 Provide for transferring the collected fluids to waste storage tanks.  | R5 |
| 4.1.5 Provide for draining air and vapors from the wet trash storage compartment.  | R5 |
| 4.1.6 Provide for no contamination of crew or crew compartment by system.  |    |
| 4.1.7 Effectively and hygienically separate wastes from the crew member.   | M4 |
| 4.1.8 Airflow will be used for directional control of the fecal waste and for urine entrainment during zero-g operations.            | R5 |
| 4.1.9 Provide for 13" bolus accommodation.   |    |

	<u>Ref. Doc., Pg.</u>
4.1.10 Provide for a nominal quantity of	F3.19-45
- Water: 0.2 lb/man-day (0.09 kg)	
- Solids: 0.27 lb/man-day (0.12 kg)	
- Paper: TBD	
4.1.11 Provide for quantity range of	
- Water: 0.13 to 0.44 lb/man-day (0.059 to 0.20 kg)	
- Solids: 0.04 to 0.15 lb/man-day (0.018 to 0.068 kg)	
- Paper: TBD	
4.1.12 Maximum commode usage will be four defecations	R8
per hour.	
4.1.13 Number of Fresh Bags, Wipes Required (TBD)	
 4.2 Processing	
4.2.1 Fecal waste will be deactivated by exposure to	R5
space ambient.	
4.2.2 Time for Processing (TBD)	
4.2.3 Temperature Requirements (TBD)	
 4.3 Vacuum Requirements	
4.3.1 Interlocks shall be provided which prevent vacuum	R9
venting prior to closure and sealing of the processing area.	
4.3.2 Provisions shall be made to prevent particulate waste	R8
carry-over during vacuum deactivation.	
4.3.3 Vacuum Vent Requirement:	F3.19-46
- Number: 1	
- Operating pressure range: 0 to 14.9 psia	
(0 to 1048 g/cm <sup>2</sup> )	
-ΔP: 14.7 to 0.2 psia (1034 to 14 g/cm <sup>2</sup> )	
 4.4 Storage	
4.4.1 Provide for stowage of fresh bags, wipes, etc.	
for a 56 man-day mission + contingency supplies + spares	
4.4.2 Provide for stowage of used bags and wipes, etc. for a	
56 man-day mission	
4.4.3 Store the wastes in a safe, odorless form separate from	
the crew compartment.	M4

4.5 Weight

The weight of the WCS shall not exceed TBD pounds,  
not including expendables.

R10

4.6 Life Cycle

4.6.1 Operating Life - As a design objective, the WCS static components shall be capable of performing all operations specified herein for a minimum of TBD hours.

R8

4.6.2 Useful Life - As a design objective, the WCS shall have a minimum useful life of TBD hours, which are equivalent to TBD orbital missions in a 10-year period from date of delivery. The average orbital mission will be 7 days.

R8

4.6.3 Shelf Life - As a design objective, the WCS shall be capable of operating in accordance with the requirements specified herein any time within a period of TBD years from date of delivery when exposed to the environment discussed in environmental requirements.

R8

5. FLIGHT CREW OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

5.1 Time Required for Operation:

The WCS shall accommodate four usages per hour,  
i.e., 15 min/cycle.

R8

5.2 Flight Crew Procedures (Commode Operations, Etc.)

5.2.1 The WCS shall be simple in use, straightforward, and not take excessive time.

M4

5.2.2 The WCS shall require only minimal training for successful crew use.

M4

5.2.3 Fecal waste will not be handled directly by the crew.

R5

5.2.4 It shall be possible to use the urine collector assembly independently of the fecal waste collector.

R9

**5.3 Crew Physical Interfaces**

5.3.1 The WCS shall provide adequate body stabilization for use. M4

5.3.2 The WCS shall accommodate use by both male and female. M4

5.3.3 Urine collection interface shall be individual. M4

5.3.4 Foot and body restraints which facilitate usage of the assembly while the orbiter is performing space operations shall be provided. The foot support shall include foot restraints and shall be adjustable. Toe restraints shall be provided. The body restraint system shall retain the crew person in the proper location and position. M4  
R9

5.3.5 Arrangement of manually controlled valves and devices and nomenclature shall facilitate operation of the assembly. R9

5.3.6 Surface Finishes - All exterior surfaces of the WCS, except the seat, shall be TBD in color. The seat shall be TBD in color. All surfaces of the WCS that require paint shall receive a primer coat of TBD R9

**5.4 Controls and Display**

5.4.1 A mechanical device shall be provided to warn/prevent switching the liquid waste control switch from the "PHS/EMU" position when the EMU condensator in the airlock is being dumped. The device shall have nomenclature identifying its use. R9

5.4.2 Nomenclature and Markings - The WCS nomenclature and markings shall be in accordance with MF0004-019. The wet trash storage vent disconnect shall have the designation "80V62TP126" and the nomenclature "VAC VENT" marked directly above it. R10

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5.4.3 Human Performance/Human Engineering - The design shall consider the capabilities and limitations of the human operator wherever a man-machine interface exists, including torques, forces, and other functional design characteristics of controls, displays, and work stations. The principal design guide for the man-machine interface shall be MIL-STD-1472.

## 5.5 Noise Level

5.5.1 Acoustical Noise - The WCS equipment shall not generate noise in excess of the following sound pressure levels (SPL) at the associated octave band center frequency (OBCF) during operation with the seat valve open and closed. Noise level microphones shall be three feet from the test unit at four locations ninety degrees apart around the unit. (SPL values include ambient background noise corrections).

<u>Max. SPL (dB re 20<math>\mu</math>N/m<sup>2</sup>)</u>	<u>OBCF(Hz)</u>
58	63
66	125
70	250
69	500
71	1000
64	2000
64	4000
56	8000

5.5.2 The WCS shall be quiet during operation and not disturb sleep (Goal: Noise Criteria [NC] 40).

## 5.6 Safety

The design and operation shall comply with the following safety requirements:

5.6.1 All handholds and handrails shall provide a minimum clearance of 2.0 inches between the gripping surface and any adjacent structure and provide a minimum of 5.5 inches of straight grasping surface.

- 5.6.2 Equipment shall revert to a safe configuration when an input power loss occurs. R23
- 5.6.3 All materials including seals, gaskets, and lubricants shall be compatible with the service commodity. R23
- 5.6.4 Lines shall be firmly supported and shall be independently clamped or supported. R24
- 5.6.5 All pressure vessels and reservoirs shall have an isolation shutoff valve located at the first component downstream of the vessel and as close as possible to the vessel. R24
- 5.6.6 Filters shall be replaceable without requiring removal of filter housing, and shall be designed such that bacteria is prevented from escaping during filter replacement, and such that the crew is sanitarily protected. R24
- 5.6.7 All mechanical actuating devices shall have positive mechanical stops. R24
- 5.6.8 Access doors or covers which are not removable shall be self supporting when open. R24
- 5.6.9 All fan blades, pump impellers and similar rotating mechanisms shall have protective devices such as a shear pin, friction clutch, magnetic clutch or a similar device to protect the drive mechanism. R24
- 5.6.10 Equipment utilizing rotating mechanisms shall incorporate provisions for containment of failed parts. Lock or latching mechanisms shall be operable by a single control and provide clear visual indication of latch position. R24
- 5.6.11 Controls shall be designed and located to minimize inadvertent activation. R24

5.6.12 Material which can shatter shall not be used unless positive protection is provided to prevent fragments from entering cabin environment or striking personnel.

R24

5.6.13 Exposed sharp surfaces or protrusions shall be eliminated. R24

## 6. GROUND OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

### 6.1 General Requirements:

6.1.1 The WCS shall be maintainable at the launch site, requiring minimal turnaround time/impacts.

M5

6.1.2 The WCS shall have the capability for in-vehicle turnaround.

### 6.2 Ground Equipment for Bag and Supply Handling

6.2.1 Provide for larger bags or lockers to transfer fresh and used waste collection bags.

6.2.2 Vehicle requirement (TBD)

6.2.3 Manpower requirement (TBD)

6.3 Ground Equipment for System Maintenance - As required for selected configuration.

6.4 Ground Handling Maintenance Procedures - As required for selected configuration.

6.5 Preflight Checkout and Preparation (TBD)

## 7. FLIGHT ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

### 7.1 Operational Flight Environment

D 7.1.1 Operating - The WCS shall be capable of operating during and after being exposed to any feasible combination of environments specified in a, b, c, and d, and shall be capable of operating after being exposed to any feasible combination of environments specified in e, f, g, and i. The WCS is not required to operate after being exposed to crash safety environments.

a. Temperature

Atmospheric	Minimum: 65F	
	Maximum: 90F	R17
Structural	Minimum: 61F	
	Maximum: 120F	

b. Pressure

Cabin	Maximum: 16.0 psia	R18
	Minimum: 8.0 psia	
	Rate of Chg. 1.0 psi/min	
	Oxygen Partial	
	Pressure Max: 3.45 psia	
Overboard Pressure	Minimum: $10^{-10}$ Torr	
	Atmosphere Diluent - Nitrogen	

c. Relative Humidity

	Maximum: 85 percent relative humidity at 65 F dry bulb, 17 percent at 90 F dry bulb
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d. Salinity

	One percent by weight
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e. Lightning

	As specified in MF0004-02, Indirect
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f. Acceleration

	Plus or minus 5.0 g
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g. Vibration

Mission Phase:

Random vibration occurs at liftoff transonic and $q_{max}$	Acceleration spectral density increasing at the rate of plus 6 dB/octave from 20 to 150 Hz; constant at $.03 g^2/Hz$ from 150 to 1000 Hz; decreasing at the rate of minus 6 dB/octave from 1000 to 2000 Hz. The vibration occurs for a duration of 48 minutes per axis.
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Sinusoidal vibration results from wind gusts, engine start and shutdown, staging and landing.

h. Crash Safety

<u>gx</u>	<u>gy + Right</u>	<u>gz + Up</u>	R18
+20	<u>+3.3</u>	+10.0	
		- 4.4	

There shall be no failure of the mounting attachment, and the equipment shall remain in place and not create a hazard.

i. Shock

Landing      Rectangular pulses of the following peak accelerations, time durations, and numbers of applications in the vertical/up direction during landing:

<u>Acceleration (g peak)</u>	<u>Duration (Milliseconds)</u>	<u>Application</u>	
0.23	170	22	
0.28	280	37	
0.35	330	32	
0.43	360	20	
0.56	350	9	
0.72	320	4	
1.50	260	1	R19

## 7.2 Ferry Flight Environment

The WCS shall be capable of meeting the performance requirements specified herein after exposure in a drained condition to any one or combination of the following environments:

- a. Pressure      Maximum: 15.23 psia  
                  Minimum: 3.25 psia
- b. Temperature    Maximum: Plus 120F  
                  Minimum: Minus 10F

c. Humidity                    Maximum: 100 percent relative  
                                  Minimum     8 percent relative

## 8.0 GROUND OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

### 8.1 Transportation Environment

8.1.1 Transportation (Packaged) - The WCS shall be capable of meeting the operating performance requirements specified herein after exposure to the following transportation conditions when packaged in accordance with Section 10:

- a. Temperature                Minimum ambient of minus 65F  
                                  Maximum ambient of plus 150F  
                                  Maximum compartment temperature  
                                  while on ground of plus 190F  
                                  for one hour and plus 150F for  
                                  six hours.
- b. Pressure                    Maximum of 15.23 pounds per square inch absolute (psia) (sea level) R16  
                                  minimum of 3.28 psia (35,000 feet).
- c. Humidity                    0 to 100 percent relative humidity,  
                                  including conditions wherein  
                                  condensation takes place in the  
                                  form of water or frost.
- d. Shock                      Refer to 5.2.3 (prep. for delivery)
- e. Vibration                 Refer to 5.2.3 (prep. for delivery)

8.1.2 Ground Handling Loads (Unpackaged) - The WCS shall be capable of meeting the operating performance requirements specified herein after exposure to the following ground handling loads when unpackaged.

- a. Handling Shock            Bench handling shock as specified  
                                  in MIL-STD-810, Method 516.1,  
                                  Procedure V.
- b. Design Shock             20 g terminal sawtooth shock pulse  
                                  of a 11 millisecond duration in  
                                  each of 6 axes.

c. Hoisting Loads                    2 g vertical within a plus or minus cone angle of 20 degrees.

8.2 Checkout Environment (WCS Installed)

The WCS shall be capable of operating as specified herein after exposure to environments specified as follows:

R19

a. Pressure

- Orbiter Operational                Cabin pressure of 18.0 psia  
Leak Check                          maximum at sea level  
- Structural                        30 psia

b. Temperature

Cabin                                35 F minimum, 120 F maximum

c. Humidity

8 to 100 percent relative  
humidity including conditions  
wherein condensation takes place  
in the form of water or frost.

d. Salt Fog

Salt atmosphere as encountered  
in coastal areas, the effect of  
which is simulated by exposure  
to a 1.0 percent salt solution  
by weight.

8.3 Storage Environment

The WCS shall be capable of meeting the operating performance requirements specified herein after exposure to the following storage conditions, when packaged in accordance with Section 5.

R16

a. Temperature

Minus 23 F to plus 150 F

b. Humidity

0 to 100 percent relative  
humidity, including conditions  
wherein condensation takes  
place in the form of water or  
frost.

c. Pressure

Maximum of 15.23 psia (sea level),  
Minimum of 9.76 psia (10,000 feet).

d. Ozone	Surface maximum 3 to 6 parts per hundred million (phm); 60 phm for 1 to 3 hours in any 24 hour period. 100 phm at 35,000 feet.
e. Fungus	As specified in MC999-0096. R17
f. Sand and Dust	Equivalent to 140 mesh silica flour with particle velocity up to 500 feet per minute and a particle density of 0.25 grams per cubic foot.
g. Hail and Snow	Hail (nominal) diameter equals 0.30 inches with a fall velocity of 66 feet/second. Snow of 10.2 pounds per square foot.
h. Salt Fog	Salt atmosphere as encountered in coastal areas, the effect which is simulated by exposure to a 1.0 percent salt solution by weight.
i. Rain	Maximum of 19 inches in 24 hour period including short period extremes of 4 inches in one hour.
j. Solar Radiation	Solar radiation of $377.6 \text{ Btu}/\text{ft}^2/\text{hr}$ . for three hours in any 24 hour period.

## 9. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

This section contains general requirements as taken from the Rockwell Waste Collection Subsystem Procurement Specification No. MC282-0069 (Ref. R) and the MDAC Orbiter Workshop Centrifugal [Urine] Separator System CDR Data Package Report, March 31, 1971 (Ref. U). These requirements function as typical examples which may be tailored to fit the desired Orbiter WCS.

9.1 Leakage and Venting	R8
Refer to Reference R, Section 3.2.1.4	
9.2 Physical characteristics	R10
Refer to Reference R, Sections 3.2.2.4 to 3.2.2.7 and 3.2.2.9	
9.3 Maintainability	R13
Refer to Reference R, Section 3.2.4	
9.4 Transportability	R20
Refer to Reference R, Section 3.2.6	
9.5 Design and Construction	R20
Refer to Reference R, Section 3.3 to 3.3.6	
9.6 Notes	R40
Refer to Reference R, Section 6	
10. PREPARATION FOR DELIVERY	
Refer to Reference R, Section 5 and Reference U, Section 5.	
11. QUALITY ASSURANCE	
11.1 Reliability	
11.1.1 General Requirement:	M5
The WCS shall be reliable and include redundant electrical components and dual seals where practical.	
11.1.2 Specific Requirements:	
Refer to Reference R, Section 3.2.3	
11.2 Development Testing	
11.2.1 Development of Crew Operations Procedures, As Required	

D 11.2.2 Demonstration of Crew Operational Procedures Using Mockup or Similar Hardware, As Required.

I 11.3 Qualification Tests

Refer to Reference R, Section 4 and Reference U, Section 4, for example Quality Assurance provisions.

I 12. REQUIREMENTS VERIFICATION MATRIX

This section contains an example Requirements Verification Matrix taken from Reference U, Page 51.

TABLE 1  
REQUIREMENT MATRIX  
(SAMPLE)

VERIFICATION METHOD

I. TEST

- A. DEVELOPMENT
- B. QUALIFICATION
- C. PRODUCTION ACCEPTANCE

II. ASSESSMENT

- 1. SIMILARITY
  - 2. ANALYSIS
  - 3. INSPECTION
  - 4. DEMONSTRATION
- (EJ - ENGINEERING JUDGMENT)  
(NA - NOT APPLICABLE)

ITEM	REQUIREMENT	EJ OR NA	VERIFICATION			II					
			I	A	B	C			1	2	3
1	3.1	NA									
2	3.1.1	NA									
3	3.1.2	NA									
4	3.1.3	NA									
5	3.1.4	NA									
6	3.2	NA									
7	3.2.1	NA									X
8	3.3	NA									
9	3.3.1	NA	4.3.2.1	X							X
10	3.3.2	NA	4.3.2.1	X							X
11	3.3.2.1	NA	4.3.2.3	X							X
12	3.3.2.2	NA									
13	3.3.3	NA									
14	3.3.4	NA									
17	3.3.5	NA									
18	3.4	NA									
19	3.4.1	NA									
20	3.4.2	NA									
21	3.4.2.1	NA									
22	3.4.2.2	NA									
23	3.4.2.3	NA									
24	3.4.3	NA									
25	3.4.3.1	NA									
26	3.4.3.2	NA	4.1.3.2.2	X	X						
			4.3.2.4	X							
			4.1.3.2.2	X							
27	3.4.3.3	NA	4.1.3.2.2	X							
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